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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

H. Michael WENZ

Application No.: 09/724,755

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING
COUPLED LIGATION AND
AMPLIFICATION

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: J. FREDMAN

Confirmation No. 8421

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Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2005. A fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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